

Review of: "Microbiological analysis of commonly consumed vegetables: A review on the ongoing studies"

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Abstract – Abstract is very well written but lacks the significance of techniques for identification of microbial pathogens and molecular identification techniques.

Introduction -

- 1. Introduction starting lines need to be reframed. It should start with some general introduction lines.
- 2. All the scientific names of microbial cultures and vegetables throughout the article are not in italics.
- 3. Author should also write about their research contribution to the studies taken under this review.

Food borne illness section:

- 1. Author should mention some standard guidelines like CODEX, FDA, FSSAI for permissible limits of microbial contaminants for the fresh vegetables
- 2. Under pathogen description of *E.coli* toxins information is scarce. Add it in detail in terms of their mechanism of action.

Pathogen identification section:

- 1. It highlighting only molecular techniques to identify pathogens, basic techniques also need to be mentioned to complete the information.
- 2. Add certain examples of biosensors.

Under Previous works on pathogen identification in fresh vegetables section:

- 1. Alongwith disease outbreak informations, add the epidemic scenario of the pathogens
- 2. Do not restrict the studies to the particular region, instead follow the hierarchy of outbreaks all over the world.

Under Prevalence of drug-resistant microorganisms in food section:

1. Elaborate this section with respect to new strain development because of multi drug resistant microorganisms.

Under Food safety and risk assessment section:

- 1. Add HACCP parameters to ensure the safety of fresh cut vegetables or minimally processed vegetables.
- 2. Add quality analysis parameters for production of fresh cut vegetables and their shelf life extension techniques.



Conclusion – need to be reframed after incorporation of suggestions.

FINAL REMARKS – Manuscript needs thorough revision (major revision) in terms of grammatical errors and language check and section description before get accepted for the publication.

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